This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.   (Currently Amended)   ~~Compensator~~ A compensator for use in a liquid crystal display (LCD) of the bend mode, comprising ~~characterized in that it comprises~~

- a film plane,

-    at least one retardation film having an extraordinary axis substantially parallel to the film plane (A plate),

-    at least one retardation film having an extraordinary axis tilted at an angle θ between 0° and 90° relative to the film plane (O plate), and

-    at least one retardation film having an optical axis substantially perpendicular to the film plane and having a refractive index in the direction perpendicular to the film plane that is smaller than the refractive indices in the directions parallel to the film plane (negative C plate),

wherein the optical retardation of the individual A, O and C plates of the compensator are selected such that the following equations are fulfilled

$$d_A \cdot \Delta n_A / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.115 \pm 0.1$$
$$d_O \cdot \Delta n_O / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.129 \pm 0.1$$
$$d_C \cdot \Delta n_C / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.245 \pm 0.2$$

wherein d is the layer or film thickness, Δn is the birefringence, $d_A \cdot \Delta n_A$ is the retardation of the A plate, $d_O \cdot \Delta n_O$ is the retardation of the O plate, $d_C \cdot \Delta n_C$ is the retardation of the of the negative C plate, and $d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC}$ is the retardation of the switchable LC cell of the display.

2.   (Currently Amended)   ~~Compensator~~ A compensator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising two A plates, one negative C plate and one O plate having a tilt angle that varies in a direction perpendicular to the film plane (splayed O plate).

3.   (Currently Amended)   ~~Compensator~~ A compensator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the A plate and/or O plate and/or C plate ~~comprise polymerised~~ comprise(s) polymerized or crosslinked liquid crystal material.

4.   (Cancelled)

5.   (Currently Amended)   ~~Compensator~~ A compensator according to claim 1, wherein ~~4, characterized in that~~ the optical retardation $d_A \cdot \Delta n_A$ of the A plate is ~~from~~ 70 to 110 nm.

6.   (Currently Amended)   ~~Compensator~~ A compensator according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ which is positioned in the display such that one of the A plates ('outer A plate') is situated on the side of the compensator facing away from the switchable LC cell.

7.   (Currently Amended)   ~~An~~ LCD of the optically compensated bend (OCB) or pi-cell mode, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising at least one compensator according to claim 1.

8.   (Currently Amended)   ~~An~~ LCD comprising a switchable LC cell with a layer of an LC medium having bend alignment and positive dielectric anisotropy $\Delta\epsilon$ between two plane parallel electrodes, at least one of which is transparent to incident light, and at least one polarizer or two polarizers ~~polariser or two polarisers~~ sandwiching the LC layer and the electrodes, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ comprising on each side of the LC cell at least one compensator according to claim 1.

9.   (Currently Amended)   ~~An~~ LCD according to claim 7, wherein one of said compensators is positioned on each side of the switchable LC cell of the LCD such that the stack of individual A, O and C plates in both compensators is symmetrical with respect to the LC cell.

10.   (Currently Amended)   ~~An~~ LCD according to claim 9, wherein ~~characterized in that~~ the position of the individual films in the compensator is selected from the following configurations 1) to 12)

1)	A	-C	←O	A	LC	A	O→	-C	A
2)	A	-C	A	←O	LC	O→	A	-C	A
3)	A	-C	O→	A	LC	A	←O	-C	A
4)	A	-C	A	O→	LC	←O	A	-C	A
5)	A	←O	-C	A	LC	A	-C	O→	A
6)	A	A	-C	←O	LC	O→	-C	A	A
7)	A	O→	-C	A	LC	A	-C	←O	A
8)	A	A	-C	O→	LC	←O	-C	A	A
9)	A	A	←O	-C	LC	-C	O→	A	A
10)	A	←O	A	-C	LC	-C	A	O→	A
11)	A	A	O→	-C	LC	-C	←O	A	A
12)	A	O→	A	-C	LC	-C	A	←O	A

wherein A is a planar A plate, O is a tilted or splayed O plate, -C is a negative C plate, LC is the switchable LC cell of the display, and the arrows denote the direction of increasing tilt angle in a splayed O plate.

11. (New) A compensator according to claim 1, wherein
$d_A \cdot \Delta n_A / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.115 \pm 0.05$.

12 (New) A compensator according to claim 1, wherein
$d_A \cdot \Delta n_A / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.115 \pm 0.015$.

13. (New) A compensator according to claim 1, wherein
$d_O \cdot \Delta n_O / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.129 \pm 0.05$.

14   (New)   A compensator according to claim 1, wherein
$d_O \cdot \Delta n_O / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.129 \pm 0.020$.

15   (New)   A compensator according to claim 1, wherein
$d_C \cdot \Delta n_C / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.245 \pm 0.1$.

16   (New)   A compensator according to claim 1, wherein
$d_C \cdot \Delta n_C / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.245 \pm 0.05$.

17.   (New)   A compensator according to claim 1, wherein
$d_A \cdot \Delta n_A / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.115 \pm 0.05$
$d_O \cdot \Delta n_O / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.129 \pm 0.05$
$d_C \cdot \Delta n_C / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.245 \pm 0.1$.

18   (New)   A compensator according to claim 1, wherein
$d_A \cdot \Delta n_A / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.115 \pm 0.015$
$d_O \cdot \Delta n_O / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.129 \pm 0.020$
$d_C \cdot \Delta n_C / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.245 \pm 0.05$.

19.   (New)   An LCD of the optically compensated bend (OCB) or pi-cell
mode, comprising at least one compensator according to claim 17.

20.   (New)   An LCD of the optically compensated bend (OCB) or pi-cell
mode, comprising at least one compensator according to claim 18.

21.   (New)   An LCD according to claim 10, wherein
$d_A \cdot \Delta n_A / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.115 \pm 0.015$
$d_O \cdot \Delta n_O / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.129 \pm 0.020$
$d_C \cdot \Delta n_C / d_{LC} \cdot \Delta n_{LC} = 0.245 \pm 0.05$.